Thermal Power Project (156 MW) of M/s Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation] has reported achievement of financial closure, six other projects with a total capacity of 2239 MW in Andhra Pradesh may achieve financial closure soon with the initialing of Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) among Government of Andhra Pradesh/APTRANSCO, Power Finance Corporation and the Financial Institutions led by the Industrial Development Bank of India on August, 10,2001. The remaining projects are closely monitored for removing the 'last mile' problems which would facilitate achievement of financial closure.

Withdrawal of staff from NREB

4062. MISS FRIDA TOPNO : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether NREB is a subordinate office of Central Electricity Authority;

(b) whether it was decided in NREB's 41 st Meeting held on 12th August, 1977 to post staff from various State Electricity Boards to Northern Regional Electricity Board on informal deputation basis;

(c) whether SEBs have decided to take back their staff from the NREB, if so, the details of Board's decision in this regard; and

(d) whether all the SEBs are governed by the Ministry of Power in regard to selection, posting and transfer of their staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) SEB staff were deployed in NREB on an informal basis. The officials of the SEBs/Utilities working in the NREB, have already been relieved by NREB, with the instructions to report back to their respective Headquarters. NREB/CEA have been directed to make an assessment of the staff requirement oftheREB.

(d) No, Sir. The SEBs have powers in regard to selection, posting and transfer of their staff within their offices.

Wasteland in Jharkhand, Gujarat and Chhattisgarh

4063. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the names of districts of Uttaranchal, Gujarat and Chhattisgarh where the wasteland is available;